



Oconaluftee



Students: 204

Employees: 60

Students Served Each Year: 150

Career Technical Training

Carpentry

Electrical

Finance and Office Administration

Forestry Conservation and Wildland

Fire Fighting

Heating, Ventilation & Air

Conditioning

Facility Maintenance

Nurses Assistant Home Health Aide

Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

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- **Providers of Trade Certifications:** American Heart Association, USDA- Forest Service, Council on Occupational Education, Home Builders Institute, Microsoft Corporation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, South-western Community College
- **Education:** GED/High School Diploma
- **Community Partners:** USFS Nantahala NF Cheoah RD, Western Carolina University, Mission Memorial Hospital, Land Trust for the Little Tennessee, Habitat for Humanity, Department of Interior Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Special Olympics, USFS Nantahala NF, Tusquitee RD, Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, Relay for Life Cancer Walk, American Red Cross, Watershed Association for the Tuckasegee River, Delta Sigma Sorority, Omega Psi Fraternity, Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Agency, National Make A Difference Day, USFS Pisgah NF Cradle of Forestry.



- **Conservation Mission:** The mission of Forest Service Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (JCCCCs) is to train eligible youth, ages 16 to 24 with educational, social and vocational skills, while assisting in the conservation of the Nation's public natural resources. The Forest Service operates 28 JCCCCs that span 7 Forest Service Regions and 22 forests and grasslands. JCCCC students are available for Forest Service projects ranging from forest and ecosystem activities to the rehabilitation and weatherization of facilities and developed recreation sites, hazardous fuels projects, and woody biomass conversion projects. In the last three years, JCCCC students have worked on the following Forest Service projects:
- Building the Camino Real Ranger Station on the Carson National Forest.
- Retrofitting the Challenge Visitor Center on the Plumas National Forest..
- Restoring the Historic Stone Mountain Trail on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.
- Refurbishing Adirondack shelters in the Cranberry Backcountry on the Monongahela National Forest.
- Restoring the Mt. Roosevelt Friendship Tower on the Black Hills National Forest.
- Restoring Grey Towers National Historic Site, Gifford Pinchot's ancestral home.
- Conducted a streamside restoration project on the Clackamas River to enhance the spawning areas of native salmon on the Mt. Hood National Forest.



Sample Work Forest Service Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers

National Forest Systems

Recreation

- Trail construction, trail maintenance
- Recreation Site improvements: painting (signs, picnic tables), facilities maintenance, construction, brush removal, mowing, trailhead maintenance)
- Installation of picnic tables, fire rings
- Kiosks construction and installation

Forestry

- Pre-commercial thinning, tree planting, timber marking
- Stream maintenance -gabion installations
- Nursery work -tree lifting and packing, seedling planting
- Cone Collection

Wildlife/Fisheries/Hydrology/Soils

- Install Inserts - Red Cockaded Woodpecker
- Boundary marking – Red Cockaded Woodpecker
- Snag/Grouse drumming log creation
- Mid-story removal
- Gabion installations
- Infestation surveys

Engineering

- Carpentry, painting
- Heavy equipment repair and maintenance, auto maintenance
- Electrical, plumbing, welding
- Brick and concrete masonry
- Fashion stone foundations for forest portal signs
- Stream inventory
- Boundary/landline location, marking, inspection and maintenance
- Road Maintenance - sawing and chipping for site clearance on FS roads
- Greening of Job Corps Centers, Research Stations, and District Offices

Administrative

- Front desk operator /services
- Data input, clerical, computer installation (Job Corps IT Team), record keeping

State and Private Forestry

- Fire (suppression, rehab, mop-up, catering
- Prescribed fire

Research

- Data collection
- Inventory

The Forest Service is facing critical shortages of workers and Job Corps is an ideal source from which to recruit and improve the diversity of its permanent workforce. The partnership between the Forest and Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers can benefit both parties through development of work-based learning (WBL) opportunities that provide on-the-job training for students and help the Forest Service meet mission critical project goals. To inquire about hiring a Job Corps student contact: Holly Krake, (828)-497-8062, hkrake@fs.fed.us. Job Corps students are eligible for Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) and the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) appointments. USDA is in the process of establishing the policy and procedures to implement the non-competitive hiring authority contained in the PLC Act of 2005 for the Forest Service Job Corps Program. Supervising Job Corps crews is the responsibility of the Job Corps crew supervisor. Supervision of an individual Job Corps student should be provided by the Forest Service.

